

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have cancelled claims 7, 8, 11 and 13-24, without prejudice, and amended claims 1-6, 9, 10 and 12 so as to address rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and to clarify the intended subject matter of the present invention. In addition, new claims 25-41 have been added. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims and the new claims are all supported by the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

As the foregoing amendments address all issues regarding the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and the only claim rejected in view of a prior art reference has been cancelled, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

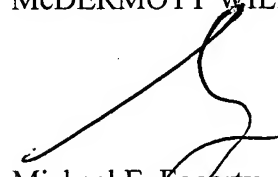
If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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